

POTPOURRI

Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Environmental Assessment
Air Quality Assessment Division

Annual Emissions Inventory Data Submittals (LAC 33:III.919) (0612Pot4)

Under the authority of the Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with LAC 33:III.919.D, the Secretary gives notice that the directions for submittals of Annual Criteria Pollutant Emissions Inventory Data for calendar year 2006 are as described below.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has initiated a project to update and enhance the existing emissions inventory reporting system. Due to unavoidable delays, however, the system will not be ready to receive data, nor will user training be completed, in time for users to meet all of the requirements associated with the March 31, 2007, criteria pollutant emissions inventory reporting deadline as outlined in LAC 33:III.919. Therefore, the Department has extended to July 1, 2007, the deadline for submitting calendar year 2006 emission point level data. Facilities are still required to submit the Criteria Pollutant Emissions Certification Statement certifying facility totals for calendar year 2006 emissions by March 31, 2007, in accordance with LAC 33:III.919.B.5 or permit-specific conditions. In anticipation that the new system will be ready to receive facility submittals of emission point level data by July 1, 2007, the Department is authorizing this extension for delayed submission of the criteria pollutant emission point level data. This change in the submittal schedule for emission inventory data is for reporting of calendar year 2006 data only. Facilities with permits that contain language in conflict with this potpourri notice should access the website listed below and provide the Department with certain facility level information no later than midnight on January 22, 2007. The website address for providing this information is: http://www.deq.la.gov/2006_EI. Instructions on completing the short form and agency contact information for questions about the form will be available at that same web address.

This extension of the deadline for submittal of the emission point level data will enable facilities to submit data through the new emissions inventory reporting system and alleviate difficulties associated with reporting and processing data in the current, outdated system. Allowing the 90-day extension for facilities to submit emission point level data will not have a negative impact on data availability. The new system has been designed such that emission inventory data will be readily available for assessment and dissemination, while data submitted via the existing system was typically not available for six months or more following the March 31 submission date.

Again, for calendar year 2006 emissions inventory reporting, the Department requires that the Criteria Pollutant Emissions Certification Statement certifying facility criteria pollutant emission totals be submitted by March 31, 2007, while emission point level data for calendar year 2006 be submitted via the new reporting system by July 1, 2007. For more information regarding this notice, you may contact Jennifer Mouton at (225) 219-3427 or Michael Vince at (225) 219-3485.

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